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Roland P. Falkner, Commissioner of Education.

"A primary difficulty in the conduct of our schools has been the absence of suitable text-books. We are of necessity operating with improvised books. We have imported from the States some standard books in English." Page 128.
"This instrusion into text- books of an environment foreign to the child can not be wholly cured until we have a set of text-books prepared directly with reference to the needs of the island."Pag. 128.

"Under the rules and regulations of this department the utmost effort has been made from the start to advance the study of English among the Porto Rican teachers. Provision has been made for regular instruction in English to these teachers." Pag. 128.

"The instruction in English is conducted more and more upon the conversational method, and it is the universal experience that the best results are obtained when no Spanish whatever is used in the class room." Pag. 129.